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TITLE: **"A METHOD OF CONTROLLING A COOKING PROCESS AND A COOKING PROCESS SENSOR FOR USE WITH THE METHOD"**

Assistant Commissioner For Patents,

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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants respectfully request that a citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

See Form PTO-1449 for list of prior art cited by applicants.

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA-AK3, AP-AQ28, and AR-AU are references which have come to Applicants attention through prior art searches instituted by Applicants and/or as a result of patents identified in the corresponding German Application proceeding or in Germany nullity actions.

The references are enclosed. In those cases where the references are in German, a printout has been provided of an abstract relating to the respective reference. If a corresponding U. S. patent exists for the German patent, then that U. S. Patent has also been provided.

It is particularly noted that Reference AK3, U. S. Patent 6,299,921 of the assignee is a related application having a common inventor with the instant case. The '921 patent corresponds to the German Patent DE 197 18 399 – Reference AQ25 attached. It is also noted that the following U. S. Patents are equivalents of the following German patents: AE equals AQ1, AF equals AQ2, AH equals AQ3, AI equals AQ4, AJ equals AQ5, AG equals AQ6, and AK1 equals AQ10.

Respectfully submitted,

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